

RECRUIT REVIEW



WEEK IN REVIEW

By: Vance Henning

In week three the intensity picked up. On Monday, the recruits were issued their 9mm Ruger. They were taught everything from how to take it apart to determining when deadly force is needed. Along with fire-

arms, the recruits were introduced to D.A.A.T. The importance of self-defense is crucial in this line of work. Besides D.A.A.T. and firearms training, the recruits had a chance to receive information on Chapter 51

and how to handle the mentally ill. Ms. Barb Johnson from the Monroe County Department of Human Services was a guest speaker on that topic. Week three was very informative in a wide variety of areas.

Accountability
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Teamwork
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DEMONSTRATE CARE AND USE OF FIREARMS

By: Jason Ondricka

This week each of the 13 recruits were issued a Ruger P93DC 9mm. pistol. Before hitting the range, they first had to learn proper gun safety. The recruits were made familiar with general maintenance of the weapon, which included disassembly, cleaning, lubricating, and reassembly. They also had to identify the parts and functions of their guns. Because safety is so important, every step they took was very controlled and precise. Once out on the range, the recruits learned and demonstrated the fundamentals of shooting. These consisted of the "Weaver" stance, drawing the weapon, proper grip, sight picture, trigger control,

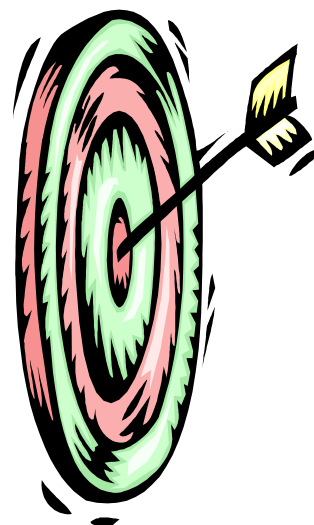
breath control, and recovery. Loading, unloading, and reloading were also part of the instruction headed by Sgt. Robert De Frang. Each recruit was given dummy rounds to practice with before any live ammo was distributed. With these dummy rounds, they learned how to correct weapon malfunctions. Those malfunctions consisted of: failing to feed, failing to fire, failing to extract, and failing to eject. Finally, the recruits were off to target practice.

For some, it was a new experience that proved to be very challenging. After sometime, everyone seemed to get the hang of

it. On Wednesday evening of this week, the recruits participated in dim light shooting and flashlight-assisted shooting, also known as the "Harries technique." The high kneeling position and low kneeling position were also implemented into this procedure. Finally, this week the recruits were trained on the "Look Shoot" technique. The "Look Shoot" technique involves dealing with multiple adversary engagements. Throughout the week, safety, accuracy, control, and speed were emphasized. The recruits are learning how to become comfortable and proficient, but not complacent with firearms.

"A wise woman once said: Someone can not help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

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TRAFFIC LAW

By: Jeff Brann

During the third week of the Police Corps Academy, the recruits were introduced to their first taste of traffic law. Lieutenant Neuman began the topic on Saturday, June 29, by introducing traffic law and some of its basic components. For instance, he defined what a vehicle is and labeled the different parts of a highway.

Although most of the recruits were under

the impression that they had a good grasp on the rules of the road, Lieutenant Neuman was able to set up some scenarios that left the recruits bewildered as to who was at fault in certain traffic crashes. However, the recruits have been studying the Wisconsin Statutes and honing their skills on traffic law.

There was also discussion about the op-

eration of emergency vehicles and their restrictions. From the necessary lights and siren to right-of-way issues, the recruits, throughout their careers, will use all of this information. Lieutenant Neuman explained how all statutes and rules of the road share one common goal, to prevent collisions.

DEFENSIVE AND ARREST TACTICS

By: Shawn Powell

This week the recruits really found out what they were made of. The recruits began their 40 hours of intense training in defensive and arrest tactics. During the 20 hours of training this week, they have been taught many parts of how and when to use the Force Option Continuum. They also learned the importance of presence and dialog when interacting with people. Seeing that not everything can be solved with just sounding and looking good, the recruits moved into the third level of the continuum, Empty Hand Control.

Here they were taught escort holds, compliance holds, passive countermeasures, handcuffing, and searching. While training, the recruits realized just how valuable and important it is to verbalize commands during physical contact. As the weeks go on, the recruits will become more proficient on interaction and the proper execution of the Force Option Continuum.



Here the recruits are learning the proper way to decentralize!



The recruits take aim as they get introduced to firearm control!